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A STRONG POSITION.

Ex-Speaker Beckley of the House of Representatives has come forward in a very manly fashion with regard to county offices and members of the legislature. He puts the matter very clearly when he says that he does not "think that legislators should be candidates for positions which they had helped to create." This is certainly the proper view to take, but it is not one which commends itself to a certain section of the House. There are legislators who want to obtain anything in sight, and the legislature being over, are hungering for yet other loaves and fishes.

This attitude of the ex-speaker is much to be commended, and it is refreshing to find among the herd of self-seekers one person who has an opinion above the mere grasping for place and position. Mr. Beckley puts forth yet another view, and that is fitness for office. The average politician of either party does not care a straw for fitness for office. He is ready to take anything with a salary attached, from President of the United States to pound-keeper. The main thing is salary, if that is all right, mere fitness for office is but a secondary consideration.

It is unfortunate that the itch for political office, the cacothetes regendi one may call it, should have bitten so deep into the minds of some of our people. It was shortly after the closing of the legislature that the offer of a private position was made to one of the brighter young members of the House. The offer was a good one and would have led to advancement. But the offer was rejected. The member at the same time said: "I have done very well during this session and I guess I will stick to politics." This reason for sticking to politics has a sinister sound. Certainly the legislative salary could not be regarded as "doing well." How was it he "did well?" There certainly was only one way, and that can be easily guessed. If he "did well" in this manner in the legislature, he evidently expected to "do better" in a county office.

The professional politician is an unfortunate product. He is a misery to himself, for he loses his own self-respect, and the respect of his friends. We shall have professional politicians, and plenty of them but it is refreshing to find one man of a party known for its grasping proclivities, who objects to run with the rush of grafters and eager office-seekers.

OUR FORESTS.

Our forests are now having that expert attention which they need. W. L. Hall, who has come specially to make a study of our forest conditions is thoroughly acquainting himself with the situation. After he has visited the other islands he will be in a position to draw general deductions. At the present time his actual knowledge is confined to certain portions of the island of Oahu, whose problems are somewhat different from those of Hawaii and Maui, and probably more nearly approach those of Kauai.

Mr. Hall's investigations on this island put the fault for the thinning out of the forest at the door of the cattle raiser. There has always been a bone of contention between those interested in cattle as to this point. Often and often have the cattle men scouted the idea of cattle having done any damage to the forests. This has specially advanced by the ranch men of Hawaii. It has not been so much advanced by those upon the other islands.

In Oahu we have always an object lesson before us. When Nuuanu valley was a cattle run belonging to the Hulei estate it was eaten out nearly as bare as the palm of one's hand. The trees were dying and the jungles of hau were steadily decreasing in size and density. As soon as the government purchased the rights of the estate, and took off the land and became much thicker. A few years will make a vast change in the cattle, the forest has begun to pick up, and the hau jungles have spread appearance of the valley, even if no artificial planting were employed. With systematic planting there will be much faster progress. The effect of having cattle on the land, and of taking them off the land is clearly seen and cannot be controverted.

This conserving of the forest in upper Nuuanu has also had a visible effect upon the water supply in the Nuuanu stream. In spite of the quantity of water which is run into the reservoirs, there is a constant flow, not a very large one truly, but a constant flow coming down and flowing under the bridge. A few years ago there was no stream running, except in time of freshet, and shrubs and even trees grew in the bed of the stream.

But it is not only cattle that have destroyed the forests. The carelessness of man has assisted in the work. Forest fires have occurred in many districts of the island. The great forest fire in Hiamakua of two years ago, was no isolated instance, though many of the more recent dwellers on the islands have such an idea. There have been extensive forest fires on this island. A large tract was burned some years ago upon the slopes above Waialae, there have been great forest fires in the vicinity of Lihue and Kealia on Kauai, and the forces of nature have come in to re-enforce the carelessness of man, for large tracts of primeval forest have been set on fire by the lava flows from Mauna Loa.

We have attempted to reforest but on a very small scale. The re-covering of the Tantalus slopes in part by an artificial forest has been a great success, as far as it goes. It was a pity that some of this, which had been planted at great expense should have been cut down to accommodate the experiment station. It has never been clearly shown who was to blame in the matter, but it was a great blunder. Considerable reforestation was done on the Lihue estate on Kauai, and some has been done in a spasmodic sort of way elsewhere.

Mr. Hall in his summing up of the forest conditions of the island of Oahu, considers that the enclosing of the forest areas by means of fencing, and then having foresters to preside over various sections, will in the course of five years bring about a marvellous change. One of the main objects of forest conservancy and reboisement, is the preserving of the surface water supply. But there are other uses to which forests can be put. Well cared for forests are a fruitful source of income to many states. The public forests of Germany render a substantial revenue to the crown. The private forest lands yield a liberal income to their owners.

Much has been written and talked about forests, but it has been in a very amateur way. We are now in the position of receiving practical advice from an expert in forestry, and a gentleman who is most enthusiastic in his chosen profession. If we follow the advice closely we will gain valuable experience, and may succeed beyond present hopes. The fact that we have 100,000 acres of forest land available is something new to most of our citizens. We want to use this area to the best advantage of the state.

There is a story circulating among the Japs that Tanbara was not really hanged, but was resuscitated after he was handed over to the Christian parson for burial. Any future Japanese who may be sentenced to death will eagerly seek conversion. The story circulates by reason of the body having been given to the friends. It will make a drawing card.

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As the Turkish government has given assurances dozens of times that it can cope with the situation in Macedonia, and never has been able to do so, it is not likely that the last assurance will be carried out. The Macedonians don't want reforms from Turkey, and won't accept them, unless they are coerced by main force. The wisest thing for the Turk to do is to hand the pacification of the province over to the powers. The powers pacified Crete by bombarding many of the Christian towns and villages, and hanging some of the prominent Christian citizens.

If Colombia proposes to reconsider her action with regard to the Panama treaty, it should make no difference in the course of the United States. The statement made by one of the Colombian revolutionists, now in the United States for safety, that any treaty entered into with the present government would be promptly overturned when the present revolutionists had their turn, should be remembered. Besides the United States would not occupy a very dignified position if after being practically snubbed by the Colombian Senate, a much modified treaty were proposed and considered, with Colombia as suzerain of the Canal. No, our hope lies in the Nicaragua route.

The sportsmen of the town have been on the tenter hooks of expectation as to which yacht will win the first race of the series.

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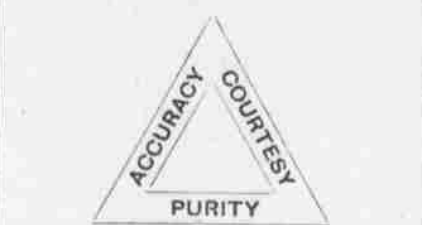
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The Alaskan Boundary dispute will be settled by arbitration. Secretary Root will soon reach London and will take his position as Chairman of the commission. The discussion will involve the study of many forgotten and dusty old documents, and some curious maps, probably very inaccurate.

Japan seems in the position of a country where the people are clamoring for war, while the government is doing all it can to avoid it. War by popular clamor is not unknown, and the fiery little brown men, may yet force the hand of their leaders. It must be kept in mind that the Japanese ministers are always represented as being afraid of and subservient to popular clamor.

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